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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Gollamudi S. Kishore, Ph.D

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 May 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 10-22, 61 and 62 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 10-22, 61 and 62 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group I in the reply filed on 5-4-07 is acknowledged.

Claims included in the prosecution are 1-8, 10-22 and 61-62.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 62 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The dependency of claim 62 is unclear.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-8, 10-22 and 61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kirpötin (6,110,491).

Kirpotin discloses a method of preparation of liposomes by forming a lipid film and hydrating it with a buffer containing ammonium sulfate (Example 7). Kirpotin also teaches that if necessary, to achieve an osmolarity of 377 mmol/kg, sucrose could be added to the medium (Example 8). The liposomes contain hydrogenated egg phospholipid and cholesterol. Doxorubicin is loaded into the preformed liposomes (Example 7). What is lacking in Kirpotin is the teaching of the amount of aqueous medium added to per mol phospholipid. However, since the final product in Kirpotin is a liposome just as in instant case, in the absence of showing unexpected results, it is deemed obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to vary the amounts of the hydrating medium to obtain the best possible results.

6. Claims 1-8, 10-22 and 61-62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Forssen (5,714,163) in combination with Janoff (4,880,635).

Forssen discloses a method of preparation of liposomes wherein the lipid film is hydrated with ammonium sulfate. The liposomes contain DSPC and cholesterol and vincristine. Vincristine is added to the preformed liposomes (Example 1). Although Forssen teaches the use of 300 mM sucrose, he does not teach the use of hydration buffer containing both ammonium sulfate and sucrose.

Janoff teaches that sugars such as sucrose when present both inside and outside would enable the liposomes to retain Adriamycin during dehydration and rehydration (col. 21, line 23 through col. 21, line 27).

To include sucrose in the hydration medium of Forssen would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art since such a procedure would enable the presence of

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sucrose within the liposomes as well as outside and since Janoff teaches that the liposomes retain the active agent during dehydration and rehydration procedures. Although Forssen does not specifically teach the amount of aqueous medium added per mol phospholipids, since the final product in Forssen is a liposome just as in instant case, in the absence of showing unexpected results, it is deemed obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to vary the amounts of the hydrating medium to obtain the best possible results.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gollamudi S. Kishore, Ph.D whose telephone number is (571) 272-0598. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 AM- 4 PM, alternate Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Woodward Michael can be reached on (571) 272-8373. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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